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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) PATENT
Conny SVAHN et al.)
Serial No.: (PCT/SE00/01598)) Group Art Unit: Unknown
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A DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUS OR)) **BOX: PCT**
CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METALS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Washington, D.C.
February 14, 2002

Honorable Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Concurrently with the U.S. national filing of the application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 4-8, 11, 15, 17 and 18 as follows. A marked-up copy of these claims showing the changes made therein is attached.

4. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the magnetic cores (25, 26, 27, 28) are permanently secured to the mould (31).

5. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the magnetic cores (25-28) are arranged with a space therebetween and that the coil (36, 37) is positioned substantially right in front of said space.